

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please REPLACE the Title with the following:

--System, Method, and Computer Program for a Console Switch--

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketthrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 16, with the following paragraph:

The above objects of the present invention are also achieved by a system comprising: a first console switch; and a second console switch that is connected to the first console switch through a network, ~~in such a manner that the first console switch and the second console switch face each other,~~ the first console switch and the second console switch each selectively connecting a terminal to a port of an information processing device that has a plurality of ports connected through a network, the first console switch and the second console switch each comprising: a first unit that obtains port information from the terminal, the port information specifying the port; and a second unit that refers to a predetermined database in accordance with the port information obtained by the first unit, and establishes a connection path between the terminal and the port of the information processing device.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 31, line 24, with the following paragraph:

A fourth embodiment of the present invention will now be described. The fourth embodiment differs from the first embodiment in that two console switches of the first embodiment are connected to ~~face~~ each other, with a network being interposed between the two console switches. Fig. 31 illustrates a system in accordance with the fourth embodiment. This embodiment employs a face-to-face connecting method for extending serial ports.

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Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 2, with the following paragraph:

The console switches 100A and 100B are connected to ~~face~~ each other through the network 603. The console switches 100A and 100B have tuning buttons 604 and 605, respectively, for exchanging port information with each other.